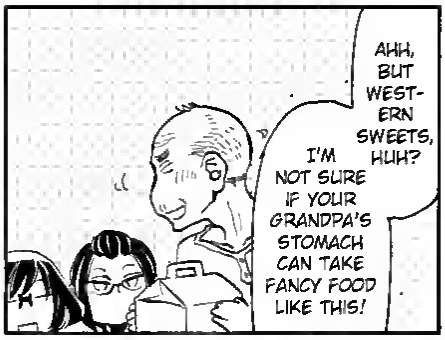
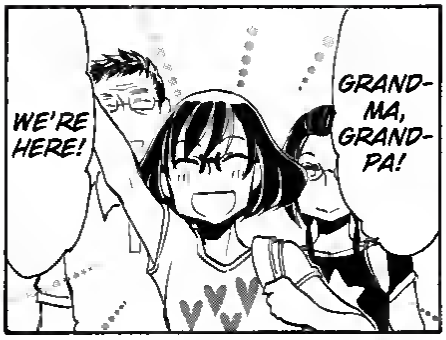
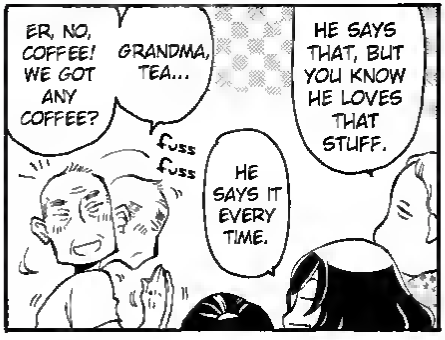
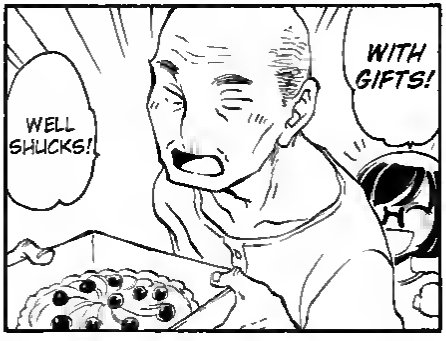
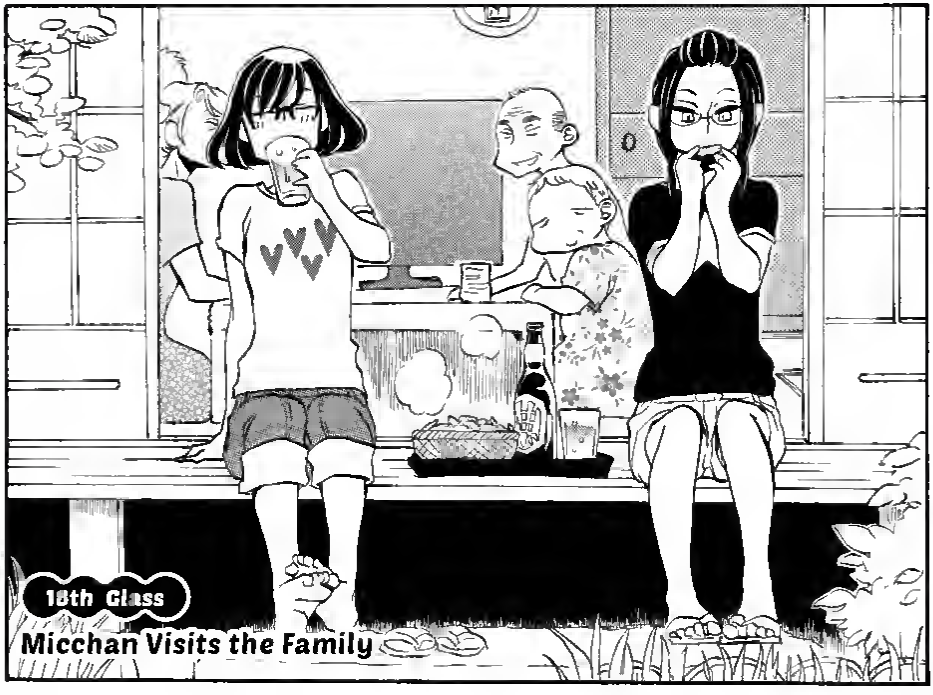

I'M NOT SURE IF YOUR GRANDPA'S STOMACH CAN TAKE FANCY FOOD LIKE THIS!
AHH, BUT WESTERN SWEETS, HUH?


WE'RE HERE!
GRANDMA, GRANDPA!


ER, NO, COFFEE! WE GOT ANY COFFEE?
GRANDMA, TEA...
fuss fuss
HE SAYS IT EVERY TIME.
HE SAYS THAT, BUT YOU KNOW HE LOVES THAT STUFF.


WELL SHUCKS!
WITH GIFTS!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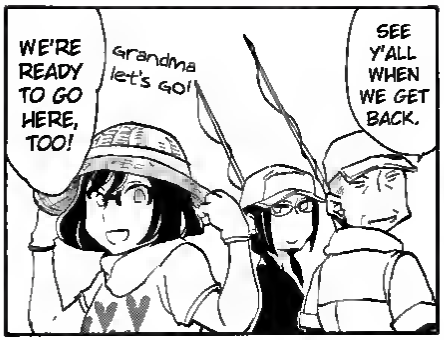
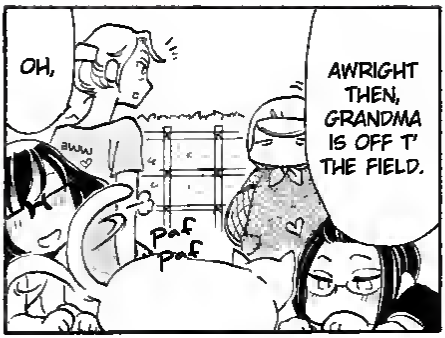
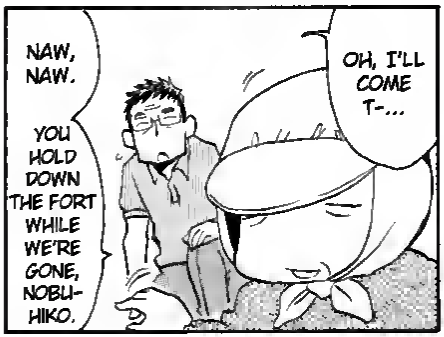
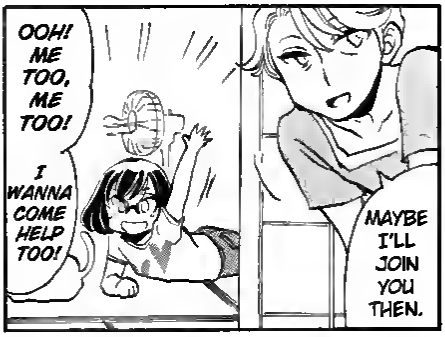
Micchan Visits the Family

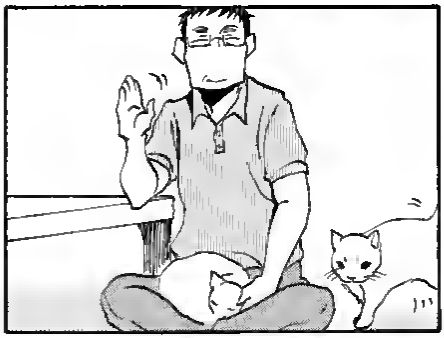
YES MA'AM.
GO HELP YOUR GRAND-MOTHER LAY OUT THE FUTONS, WOULD YOU?
WE'RE SO GLAD Y'ALL CAME!
TAKE IT EASY WHILE YA HERE, NOW!
WHAT THING?
DO YOU STILL HAVE THAT THING?
HEY, GRAND-MA?
I KNOW, RIGHT!
IT'S BEEN A PRETTY LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST STAYED OVERNIGHT HERE.
YUP, WE GOT IT.
OHH, GREAT!
OH, THE MOS-QUITO NET!
YOU KNOW, THAT TENT THING YOU PUT UP BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP.
AHH, SO NICE...
THE PORCH.
THE TATAMI.
Wheee!
BOING
BOUNCE
HEY!
Sorry about that!
BUT YOU CAN'T JUMP ON IT ANY MORE, M'KAY?
WE WON'T!
WE-
YOU TWO ARE TAKING IT TOO EASY!
SO RELAX-ING...
PHEEW
SPRAWL

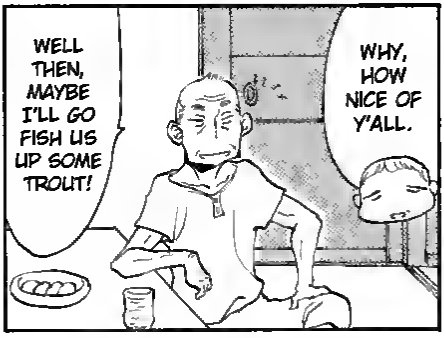

WE'RE READY TO GO HERE, TOO!
Grandma let's go!
SEE Y'ALL WHEN WE GET BACK.

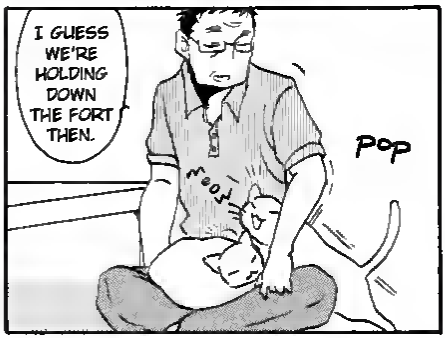

OH,
AWRIGHT THEN, GRANDMA IS OFF T' THE FIELD.
Paf paf

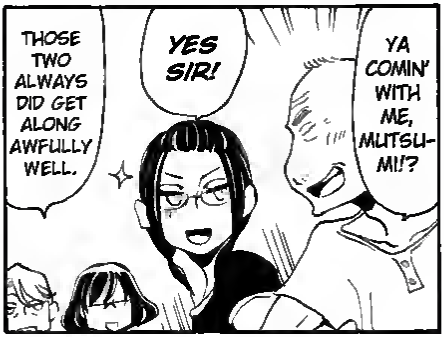

NAW, NAW.
YOU HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHILE WE'RE GONE, NOBUHIKO.
OH, I'LL COME T-...


OOH! ME TOO, ME TOO!
I WANNA COME HELP TOO!
MAYBE I'LL JOIN YOU THEN.



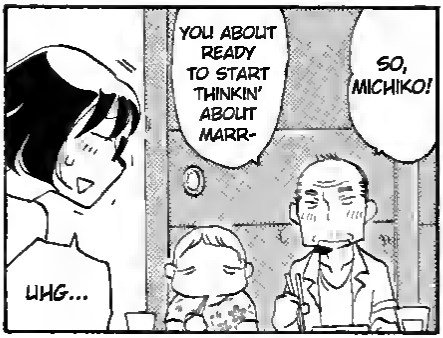

WELL THEN, MAYBE I'LL GO FISH US UP SOME TROUT!
WHY, HOW NICE OF Y'ALL.


I GUESS WE'RE HOLDING DOWN THE FORT THEN.
Pop
Meow

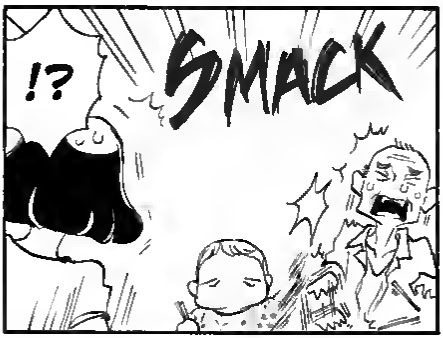

THOSE TWO ALWAYS DID GET ALONG AWFULLY WELL.
YES SIR!
YA COMIN' WITH ME, MUTSUMI!?

If only my skin was this good...
WOW, LOOK AT THE LUSTER ON THESE EGG-PLANTS!
THEY'RE PRACTICALLY GLOWING!
MAKE SURE T' PICK THE RIPEST ONES FIRST, HEAR?
...
GRILLED EGG-PLANT...
snip
Pshew
Sigh...
MISO DEN-GAKU... HOLLAND-FRIED...
HUH!? WHAT'S WRONG!?
soms
Ah...
IF HUNGER REALLY IS THE BEST SPICE, MICHIKO IS SURE DOIN' A GOOD JOB SEASON-ING.
SERVED WITH A NICE COLD BEER AND... MMM!
Gets me right in my gardener's spirit...
So meticulously cared for...
SORRY, I WAS JUST TAKEN IN BY HOW BEAUTIFUL GRANDMA'S GARDEN IS...
sigh...

CHOMP
juicy
SNAP
WOO! WHAT A CATCH!
CALLING THIS "THE BEST" WOULD BE AN UNDER-STATE-MENT!
Delicious!
Aaaa
IT'S SWEET!
AND SO RICH!
AND WARM, TOO!
I'LL GET THESE TROUT COOKED THEN.
WE'LL GO BOIL THE CORN, OKAY?
The trout's ready!
WHY DON'T WE GIVE IT SOME COMPE-TITION THEN?
THEN MICHIKO AND MUTSUMI CAN HELP OUT GRANDPA WITH A TOAST!
Cold glass of sake!
NOW FOLLOW IT UP WITH THIS!
IT'S...
WORDS CAN'T EVEN...
DESCRIBE HOW PERFECT...!!
MM!
Some of those tomatoes and cucumbers we picked with some moro miso to go with em
WELL THEN, Y'ALL CAN MUNCH ON THIS UNTIL THE REST OF THE FOOD IS READY.


SO, MICHIKO!
YOU ABOUT READY TO START THINKIN' ABOUT MARR-
UHG...

MAGNI-FIQUE!
AND WE'RE NOT DONE YET!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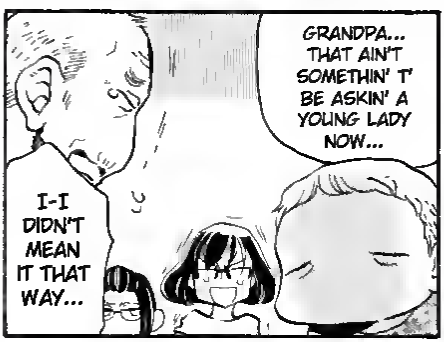
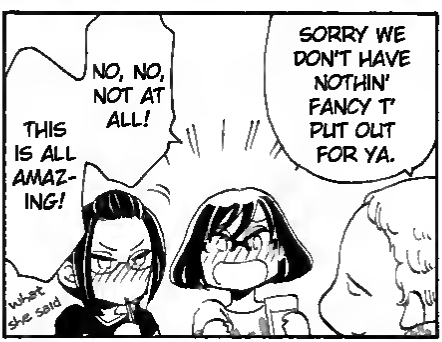
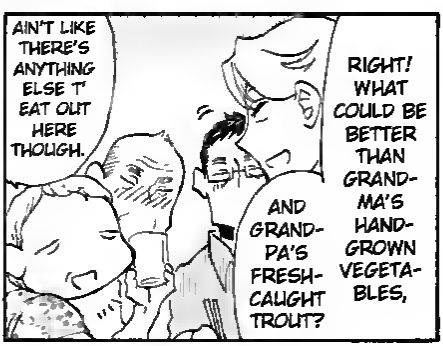
SMACK


GRANDPA... THAT AIN'T SOMETHIN' T' BE ASKIN' A YOUNG LADY NOW...
I-I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY...


SORRY WE DON'T HAVE NOTHIN' FANCY T' PUT OUT FOR YA.
NO, NO, NOT AT ALL!
THIS IS ALL AMAZ-ING!
what she said

C-COME ON, I WOULDN'T DO THAT! DON'T WORRY GRANDPA!
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO IF MICHIKO STOPS COMIN' T' VISIT, HM?
so you say, but...
grandma that's enough already
NOOO...


AIN'T LIKE THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE T' EAT OUT HERE THOUGH.
RIGHT! WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN GRAND-MA'S HAND-GROWN VEGETA-BLES,
AND GRAND-PA'S FRESH-CAUGHT TROUT?

Recipe? Naw, just throw it together however
Ahh, Grandma's moro miso really is just divine!
Hey c'mon, let me take some of that home too!

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Notes:

The stereotypical Japanese grandparents live out in the boonies and run a tiny farm to keep themselves busy/make a little money/provide food for themselves, so Michiko's are pretty typical in that respect.

From a USA Today article:

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, the number of Japanese engaged primarily in farming dropped to 1.7 million in 2014 from 1.86 million in 2011. About 515,000 farmers were 75 years or older in 2014. By comparison, only 83,000 were 39 years old or younger — and that number was down by 7,000 from three years earlier.

That's an old agriculture workforce!

Miso Dengaku is a dish that involves a miso-based sauce spread over grilled/roasted/cooked eggplant/potato/tofu/etc.

"Holland-Fry" is a method of cooking something (often eggplant, but all sorts of things can be used) that involves frying it in some sort of oil and simmering in some combination of soy sauce/mirin/sake/dashi, though often it just refers to a basic sort of "fry it in a pan with some soy sauce and maybe some other things."

The name comes from the fact that this method of cooking entered Japan from "the West" through Nagasaki back in the Edo period, back when that was really the only port where trade with the West was allowed, and the "Holland" just happened to be a relatively well-known name at the time so it got used.

Moro miso is a thick, chunky miso often used as a dip.
It showed up in Chapter 4 as well, together with some cucumbers.

Melon Books, Toranoana, and Comic Zin are all bookstores that specialize in manga and doujin comics (though they sell merch, figures, anime, etc. as well; kind of catch-all otaku stores). They often offer special bonuses if you pre-order/buy stuff with them.

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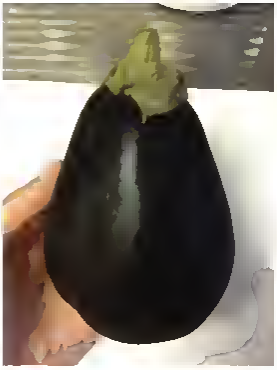
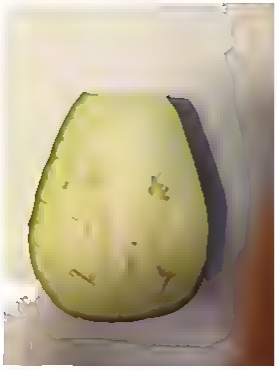
Super Basic Eggplant Miso Dengaku Recipe

Find an eggplant



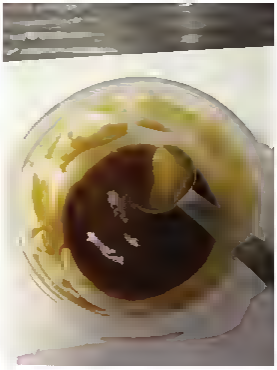
Cut it in half

Make shallow criss-cross cuts on it



Let it soak in some water for a bit

Mix the below ingredients well and microwave for 30 seconds to make the sauce



Dry the eggplant, cover with wrap, and microwave for 2-4 minutes depending on size

Lightly fry the surface of the eggplant with a medium flame

Spead the sauce, sprinkle some sesame seeds and shiso leaves, and done!

For the sauce:

Miso	2 tbsp
Sugar	2 tbsp
Cooking Sake	1 tbsp
Mirin	1 tbsp

For garnish:

Shiso	~3 leaves
Sesame seeds	to taste

For the eggplant:

Eggplant	1 eggplant

Some mascots for Toranoana

Mascot for Melon Books

Comic Zin doesn't seem to have a mascot (they are pretty small relatively speaking I think, too), but they sort of use this image: